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For: PERFORMING DIAGNOSTIC OPERATIONS UPON A DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS WITH POWER DOWN SUPPORT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This Request is responsive to the Official Action mailed September 27, 2006 (Paper No. 20060920), the date of response to which is December 27, 2006.

Claims 1-14 stand rejected in the outstanding Official Action. Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of these claims based upon the Johnson, Culley and Sheikh references.

The Examiner's consideration of the prior art submitted with Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement is very much appreciated.

Claims 1 and 7 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Johnson (U.S. Patent 6,249,885) in view of Culley (U.S. Patent 6,000,040). Applicants presume the Examiner intended to reject independent apparatus claim 1 and independent method claim 8